

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-4, 6-9, and 11-32 are active in the present application. Claims 5 and 10 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-9, and 15-17 have been amended for clarity. The amendment for clarity is not intended to further limit the claimed subject matter.

No new matter is added.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants thank Examiner Thomas for the indication in the Ex Parte Quayle Action of March 25, 2005 that Claim 2 is allowed. Applicants further thank the Examiner for indicating that Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9 and 11-32 may be brought into condition for allowance by amending the claims for clarity.

The amendment to the claims obviates the Office's objections.

Applicants submit the amendment to the claims places all now-pending claims in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections and the passage of all now-pending claims to allowance.

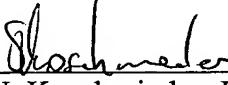
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